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## WAS NEATLY TRICKED

H. W. Rottgering Gets the Hot End of the Fight.

He Fools With the Railroad Contractors Until They Take Out an Injunction.

## WAS AN UNEXPECTED TURN

Today at noon the Illinois Central railroad contractors took out an injunction against W. H. Rottgering to restrain him from interfering in the work of the extension of the Cairo branch.

Mr. Rottgering swore out warrants against the contractors several days ago for trespass and has since ordered them off his ground whenever they entered. All that has been done so far by the railroad people towards going through the property is to fell several trees, and the contractors were then promptly arrested, but gave bond and were released. The arrest was made on the charge of trespass and in county court yesterday the case was taken to the circuit court, the railroad people waiving examination. This morning the contractors went on the property and were ordered off, and immediately after the injunction was taken out.

The trial is set for Saturday week, ten days hence, the limit of the law and the Rottgering forces claim that this was done in order to enable the railroad people to get through the land before the trial was finished. If the court sustains the injunction then the railroad company wins out, but if it does not then the company is liable for damages, according to the defendant's attorneys.

The work will now be pushed by the company, and Mr. Rottgering cannot keep the laborers off until the courts decide the matter.

## OLDEST WOMAN IN KENTUCKY

Burnside, August 14.—Mrs. Mary Bell, probably the oldest woman in Kentucky, is dead at her home near Dunnville, Casey county, aged 106.

## FORAKER FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Washington, August 14.—The Ohio friends of Senator Foraker have started a boom for him for vice president, to run with President Roosevelt.

## FORMER SHERIFF SUICIDES.

Williamsburg, August 14.—Former Sheriff James L. Sutton while insane committed suicide last night by jumping from a county bridge into the river. The body was recovered. His wife only recently sued him for divorce.

—The Ladies' Mite Society of the First Baptist church, will meet Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. Will Kidd, North Seventh between Madison and Harrison.

## THE MARKETS.

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	OPEN	CLOSE
WHEAT—		
Sept.	89 1/2	89 1/2
October	86 1/2	86 1/2
May	89 1/2	89 1/2
CORN—		
Sept.	52 1/2	51 1/2
October	41 1/2	41 1/2
May	39 1/2	39 1/2
OATS—		
Sept.	26 1/2	26 1/2
October	25 1/2	25 1/2
May	29 1/2	29 1/2
PORK—		
Sept.	16 00	15 95
January	14 70	14 30
May	13 75	13 65
LARD—		
Sept.	10 27	10 20
January	8 22	8 20
May	8 05	7 95
RIBS—		
Sept.	9 47	9 02
January	9 40	9 40
May	7 05	7 05

## FOR FILTERED WATER

A Meeting Held Last Night at the City Hall by Committees.

Muddy Water That Is Furnished at Times Fully Discussed By Those There.

## A COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED

The joint sanitary committees of the general council met at the city hall last night to hear the voluminous communication of Health Officer Graves relative to the muddy water that is sometimes furnished the city by the water company. Superintendent Muscoe Burnett was present and the subject was pretty thoroughly discussed, and the result was that another committee will be recommended at the next meeting of the council by the joint sanitary committee, to be appointed to confer with Superintendent Burnett, of the water company, and ascertain what the city can do to have a filtration plant placed in.

While the water furnished the people is oftentimes muddy, it has been proved not to be unhealthful, as shown by two expert analyses.

Every city that derives its water supply from the river has trouble because of the mud, and filtration plants cost from \$100,000 to \$3,000,000, and then are not always a success. The water company under the law, it appears, is not compelled to filter the water any more than it is now filtered, and the committee that the council will appoint will confer with Superintendent Burnett to find out what can be done towards securing clearer water.

Superintendent Burnett, in a talk to the committee, stated that filtration was a question that was interesting river cities everywhere, and that many were spending enormous sums of money improving or perfecting plants or putting them in. He said that filtration has to an extent been perfected now, and plants can be put in with a gilt edged guarantee to eliminate all impurities, mud and other objectionable substances from the water, but they are very costly. It would cost fully \$100,000 to put one in here, and would in addition necessitate an enlargement of the water plant. Experts would have to be brought here to investigate the plant, draw a plan of it and then make a report, before the actual cost would be known.

The point Superintendent Burnett made was that the water company, under the existing circumstances, could not put in such a filtration plant, because it hasn't the money. If the city would release her option on the plant, however, bonds could be issued to the necessary amount to construct the filtration plant, and easily sold in the market. As long as the city retains the option, however, it would be impossible to float bonds.

President Ed Noble of the board of aldermen, made a very sensible talk on the subject. He explained that the city's option on the water plant was something that everyone in Paducah had an interest in. That the people, however, wanted clear, pure water, and it was apparent they cannot have it without a filtration plant. He did not think the city's option on the water plant would ever amount to anything. The city can never, and will never, in all probability, do anything with it; and as it is of no use, the question is, are the people in favor of relinquishing that option on the water plant, in order to enable the water company to issue and float

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## A NEW WHARF HERE

Councilman Fowler at Last Has the Plat of River Front Lots.

He Will Have an Illinois Central Office Here in a Day or Two to Consult.

## CITY WILL HAVE TO PAY HIGH

Councilman Joe Fowler thinks that a settlement of the question of providing Paducah with additional wharf facilities on the river front at Broadway is nearing a settlement, after having been hung up for several months.

The general council some time ago wrote the Illinois Central relative to a purchase or lease of the ground, but as the Illinois Central does not care to dispose of the property, no doubt, the city has never received any satisfaction.

Councilman Fowler, who is one of the prime movers in the effort to enlarge the wharf, has had drawn a plat of the river front, showing the size, location and cost of all the property.

It was prepared by City Engineer L. A. Washington, and shows that the Illinois Central owns all the property below First street between Broadway and Court, and three lots between Court and Washington.

The lots the city desire are these south of the Armour building, eight in number. They cost the railroad company when bought several years ago respectively \$2,500, \$1,000, \$2,000, \$4,000, \$6,500, \$600, \$500, \$600, a total of \$17,700. There were some old brick buildings on the lots when they were bought, but these were practically worthless except for the old material in them, and as real estate property has gone up considerably since the railroad bought the river front, it is likely that the city cannot buy it even for anything like the original cost, \$17,700.

Councilman Fowler stated this morning that one of the Illinois Central officials would be here tomorrow or Saturday to confer with the council committee relative to the property, and something definite will doubtless be done at this consultation.

—The Third street church gives an ice cream supper on its lawn in front of the church tomorrow eve.

## GROUND WAS BROKEN

Work Began Today on the Public Library at 9th & Broadway

It Will Be Located One Hundred Feet From the North Front of the Site, Facing Broadway.

## ALL PAPERS ARE SIGNED UP

Ground was broken by Contractor Wm. Karnes this morning for the \$30,000 Carnegie library at Ninth and Broadway. The papers were signed up yesterday, and the site laid off, and this morning the first dirt was turned, and work will now be pushed until completed.

It is estimated that several months will elapse before the big building is ready, but the weather will have a great deal to do with this.

One of the library trustees stated this morning that the building will be located 100 feet from Broadway, about in the center of the lot, but leaving considerably more on the Court street side than on the Broadway side.

The reason this is done, he stated, was in order to leave a place for future enlargement should one become necessary.

Contractor Karnes has a large force of men at work, and the vicinity presents a very lively appearance.

## CHANGE OF ROUTE.

## ENGINEER WASHINGTON DECIDES ON THE COURT STREET ROUTE.

City Engineer L. A. Washington, after a more complete investigation, has decided that the proposed extension of the sanitary sewerage should be made, if made at all, out Court street instead of out Broadway as he first intended to recommend. The estimated cost of the Broadway route would have been \$16,000, and while the Court street extension will cost more as a whole, the cost per linear foot will not be so great. The reason the change is made is because the Court street extension is more practical, and it is believed will give as great satisfaction.

The younger society men will give a dance at La Belle park pavilion this evening.

## NEGRO HAD A PISTOL

Coroner's Inquest Held This Morning Over Frank Buckner, Colored.

Officer Tom Orr, Who Shot Him in the Discharge of Duty, Fully Exonerated.

## THE FACTS OF THE SHOOTING

Coroner Peal this morning at 10 o'clock held an inquest at the city hall over the remains of Frank Buckner, the negro shot and killed yesterday afternoon near Ninth and Husbands streets by Officer Tom Orr, while trying to escape. The jury promptly returned a verdict exonerating Officer Orr in every particular.

About the only thing new developed at the inquest was that the negro had a pistol in his pocket at the time he was shot. Soon after he was found lying in the hollow, one of the white men who arrived on the scene saw several colored men turn him over, and saw the butt of the pistol protruding from the pocket.

Fearing that Officer Orr, who had left, would return and be shot, he notified Street Inspector Eaker, who went to get the weapon, but found that the pocket had been turned wrong side out, and the pistol taken.

The evidence showed Buckner to be of bad character.

The following is the verdict:

"We, the jury, having been summoned and duly sworn by the coroner, find that Frank Buckner, colored, came to his death by a gunshot wound fired from a gun in the hands of Officer Tom Orr while in the discharge of his duty as a police officer, and we find that the said Officer Orr is exonerated from all blame. Signed,

Will E. Baker.  
J. W. Hart.  
W. T. Byrd.  
W. L. Jones.  
L. B. Shemwell.  
Charles H. Hart.

This verdict is what Officer Orr's friends expected. They know he is a faithful, painstaking officer, discreet in all things, cool in judgment, and that if the shooting was not an accident, was done in the performance of his duty, and it has so turned out. An officer is permitted to use whatever force is necessary to perform his duty, from simply asking a man to go with him, to blowing him up with dynamite, if it can be shown that the latter was necessary.

Officer Orr naturally regrets the occurrence, but it could not be helped, and the victim was not only a dangerous man, but one worthless to his race and human society.

Buckner is the negro who shot Will Jolly at Ninth and Washington streets the 2nd of February after a quarrel over a crap game. Jolly finally recovered and Buckner went to Cairo, where he was finally located and chased by the police, but got away, after several shots had been fired at him.

Two weeks ago Captain Bailey was notified that he was again in the city, and started his men out to arrest him. Officers Singery and Potter fired eight or ten shots at him one night on Jones street, but he got away.

When Officer Orr located him yesterday afternoon on South Ninth street in the home of a woman named Allen, he was playing a guitar, and at first denied that he was the man wanted. He agreed finally to go but when the officer reached into his pocket for nippers to put on his hands Buckner dropped the guitar and made a break through the back door. He

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## SHE GOT OFF LIGHT

Mysterious Nashville Woman Sentenced to Ten Days.

She Has Three Names That are Known to the Police—May Be Crazy.

## STILL REFUSES TO TALK

Leon Smith, alias McCord, the woman arrested several days ago for shop lifting, was tried before Acting County Judge Jesse Young this morning at the court house and sentenced to ten days in jail. Under the statutes a woman cannot be sentenced to over thirty days for petty larceny.

The mystery surrounding the woman's identity has not yet been solved by the police. Chief Collins has learned that she had started to Nashville, the evening she was arrested at the depot, and that she goes by the names of Pearl Morgan, Mrs. Leone Cheatem and Mrs. Charles McCord. He has written the Nashville police to find out if she is wanted, but received no reply.

The woman acts very strangely at times. She seems to be demented. She is insolent, abusive, and at times very reticent. She said today that she was at one time a teacher in an industrial school at Nashville. Her career here seems to have been not a very creditable one. McCord, who came here from Princeton with her, skipped out the night she was arrested.

Yesterday she gave Jailer Jones a telegram to send to Nashville, written in shorthand and other strange hieroglyphics. Jailer Jones could find no one at the court house who could make anything out of it, so he took it to the telegraph office, thinking that perhaps it was the kind of writing the operators do, but they could not read it either, so it was never sent.

## MAY BE HERE.

Chief Collins is Mysterious About Missing Girl.

It May Be That He Has Located Her Somewhere in Paducah.

Chief of Police James Collins is very mysteriously interested today in the whereabouts of S. F. Fleming, a man mentioned in the telegraph dispatches from Memphis as wandering about seeking Miss Excie Burlinson, of Belen, Quitman county, Miss. The reports have it that he was held in the sum of \$8,000 for seducing the girl, and denies the charge, depending on her to clear his name. She has been missing two weeks, and both her father and Fleming offer \$100 reward for finding her.

Chief Collins seemed to be very much interested in the case today. He would not say that he had located the girl, and would not say that he hadn't.

He did say, however, "I should like to see this man. I might be able to interest him. Then, I should like to know if his money is any good."

Chief Collins never takes any interest in such cases unless he knows something, and it may be the girl is in the city and will be found here.

## WANTED.

A representative in Paducah, male or female, to solicit the city trade, for a well known manufacturing company. Apply at this office

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